

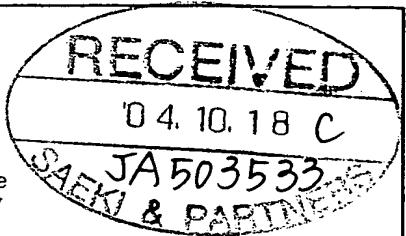
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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Applicant KOWA COMPANY, LTD.		

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- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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 the claims:

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 the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-6	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-6	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The following documents are listed in the international search report.

Document 1: Masao NAKAGAWA, "Kekkan Naihi Saibo ni okeru Kessen Seigyo-kei ni Oyobosu HMG-CoA reductase Sogaiyaku no Eikyo ni Kansuru Kenkyu," Ketsueki-kei Shikkan Chosa Kenkyuuan Ketsueki Gyoko Ijosho Bunkakai, Heisei 12 Nendo Kenkyu Gyoseki Hokokusho, 2001, pages 42 to 44.

Document 2: ANDO, Hitoshi et al, Cerivastatin improves survival of mice with lipopolysaccharide-induced sepsis, Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 2000, Vol. 294, No. 3, pages 1043-1046

Document 3: WO 92/00325 A1 (Mochida Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.)

Document 4: MATHAY, M. A., Severe sepsis-A new treatment with both anticoagulant and antiinflammatory properties, New England Journal of Medicine, 2001, Vol. 344, No. 10, pages 759-762

Document 1 states that HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors are useful for the regulation of the coagulation-fibrinolysis system.

Document 2 states that cerivastatin is useful for the treatment of sepsis.

Document 3 states that thrombomodulin has a blood coagulation inhibitory action.

Document 4 states that inactive protein C is converted to its active form by thrombomodulin, that in patients with sepsis, active protein C is decreased by a decrease in thrombomodulin, and that active protein C is useful in the treatment of sepsis.

In light of the descriptions in documents 3 and 4, before the filing date of this application it is unlikely that there was recognition by persons skilled in the art that thrombomodulin expression promoters can be categorized as antithrombotic drugs, antiplatelet drugs, anticoagulants, and preventives/remedies for sepsis, and this examination does not find that the scope of application of the former extends beyond the scope of application of the latter. Therefore, this examination does not find that the invention of claim 1 can be distinguished from the inventions described in documents 1 or 2.

As a result, the invention of claim 1 lacks novelty and an inventive step.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box V. 2.:

The inventions of claims 2-6 contain pitavastatin as an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and none of the above documents either describes or suggests that pitavastatin has a more pronounced effect in increasing the expression of thrombomodulin than fluvastatin and pravastatin as shown in the Examples of the Specification.

The inventions of claims 2-6 are novel and involve an inventive step.
The inventions of claims 1-6 have industrial applicability.